

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 6 and 18.

Please amend claims 1, 7-9, 12, 19, 20 and 21 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A flashlight assembly comprising:

- a housing;
- at least one light emitting diode (LED) mounted within the housing generating an LED beam and serving as a light source for the flashlight;
- a reflector extending from an end of the housing for focusing and dispersing the LED beam to a desired light contour; and
- an adjustable switch coupled to a variable resistor for controlling the level of optical output.

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7. (Amended) The flashlight assembly according to claim 1, wherein the switch is adapted to selectively turn on and off any select number of the at least one LED, thereby allowing a user to choose from several different levels of illumination.

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8. (Amended) The flashlight assembly according to claim 1, wherein the switch operates as a step level variable control having at least two distinct levels of illumination.

9. (Amended) The flashlight assembly according to claim 1, wherein the switch operates as a rheostat having continuous variable control thereby allowing selective desired levels of illumination.

12. (Twice Amended) A flashlight assembly comprising:

- a housing;
- at least one light emitting diode (LED) mounted within the housing generating a mechanically adjustable LED beam and serving as a light source; and
- an adjustable switch coupled to a variable resistor for controlling the level of optical output.

19. (Amended) The flashlight assembly according to claim 12, wherein the switch is adapted to selectively turn on and off any select number of the at least one LED, thereby allowing a user to choose from several different levels of illumination.

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20. (Amended) The flashlight assembly according to claim 12, wherein the switch operates as a step level variable control having at least two distinct levels of illumination.

21. (Amended) The flashlight assembly according to claim 12, wherein the switch operates as a rheostat having continuous variable control thereby allowing selective levels of illumination.